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ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS  
2009  
CENTER FORK CHALK CREEK C&H ALLOTMENT  
7/6 to 9/30

**Introduction**

These annual operating instructions are made part of your grazing permit consistent with Part 1, item 3 and Part 2, item 8(a). Situations may develop during the grazing season which require changes to these instructions. If this becomes necessary, or if you cannot comply with some part of these instructions contact the District Ranger and obtain approval before initiating changes or deviating from these instructions.

Remember that your grazing fees must be paid before your cattle are permitted to enter the allotment. We will need confirmation of your payment before your cattle enter the allotment. If you have not received your grazing billing for this season, please call. When you send your grazing fees, write the billing number on the upper left of your check. This will insure your payment is properly credited.

**Grazing Schedule**

The grazing schedule will be as follows: **7/6 to 9/30**

1. Bear Hollow – Dry Lakes Unit-----after grasses in flower headed
2. Cedar Springs – Cottonwood Unit-----after seed ripe
3. Spring Range -----Rested from grazing

**Permitted Grazing Use**

The following number of cattle are permitted to graze from July 6 through September 30 this year. As we discussed this spring it is important that cattle do not begin grazing before the perennial grasses are in the flower head

<u>Permittee</u>	<u>Cattle No.</u>	<u>HM's</u>	<u>Yellow tag Numbers</u>
Keyhole Ranch LLC	77	248	1-77
Jack McBride	77	248	78-154
Earl Johnson	<u>76</u> 230	245	155-230

All cattle you place on the allotment must be branded with brands that are recorded on your grazing permit application, and tagged with forest ear tags. Each permittee must own the livestock he grazes on the Forest.

## **Management on the Allotment**

Key areas have been identified for the three units scheduled for grazing this year. They are: Bear Hollow-Dry Lakes Unit – Bottom of Bear Hollow and Cedar Springs-Cottonwood Unit – Area adjacent to road south of Bear Hollow Corral. Spring Range -- George Rowley Flat area. When

grazing use in these areas reaches proper use as described below all cattle are to be moved to the next unit scheduled for grazing or removed from the allotment if in the last unit.

Remember all salt must be placed up out of the stream bottoms and away from water and roads. It will be especially important to keep the cattle well distributed within each unit as it is grazed.

Riparian areas (wet areas) are also key areas for management. Once cattle have grazed these areas to the proper use level, they will have to be removed from the unit or allotment (see grazing use standards below). This means it will be extremely important to use salting and herding to keep the cattle up out of the creek bottoms as much as possible.

## **Grazing Use Standards**

### DEFERRED ROTATION SYSTEM/DEFERRED SYSTEM

Maximum Allowable Forage Use Criteria		
Vegetation Type	Stubble Height/Use	Comments
Riparian Hydric Species	4"	Triggers the time to move livestock between units or off the allotment
Riparian Emphasis Management Areas	6"	Triggers the time to move livestock between units or off the allotment
Non-hydric Sod-Forming Grass Species in Riparian Areas	1 ½ "	Primarily Kentucky bluegrass--Triggers the time to move livestock between units or off the allotment
Wheatgrass Seedings	60%	Management option to exceed 60% use to maintain healthy seedings
Riparian/Upland Browse Sprouts and Young-Aged Plants	≤40%	# of current year's available twigs removed
Riparian/Upland Mature Browse	≤50%	# of current year's available twigs removed
Upland Grass/Forb	40-60% of key species; varies by grazing system and desired condition	% of current year's growth
Riparian Ground Cover	Maintain ground cover of at least 70% within riparian areas	

## **Maintenance of Improvements**

Maintenance for this year: Make sure the fence between Center Fork and South Fork Allotments assigned to you is maintained this year.

Each permittee is responsible for maintaining all the improvements on the allotment and for providing sufficient riding to check gates, fences, water developments, and keep the cattle properly distributed. You need to work together to insure all maintenance is completed.

We appreciate the efforts put forth last year and look forward to working with you again this year. If you have any questions or comments concerning the allotment, please call Del Barnhurst at (435) 743-5721.

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cc: All permittees on the Center Fork Chalk Creek C&H Allotment